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COMMENTS FOR THE HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE, TO BE PRESENTED DURING EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 183, February 4, 2013.

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MADAM CHAIRMAN; MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE: BERESHIT BARA ELOHIM ET HASHAMAYIMVE'ET HA'ARETS.

I WILL ADDRESS MYSELF TO JUST SOME OF THE COMMENTS MADE DURING THE HEARING ON THIS BILL.

TO BEGIN, LET US USE AS A PREMISE INFERRED FROM OPPONENTS OF THIS BILL: THAT IT IS JUST A POORLY VEILED ATTEMPT TO GET CREATIONISM INTO THE PUBLIC CLASSROOM.

LET US ALSO ACCEPT THE PREMISE INFERRED FROM THE OPPONENTS: THAT DARWINISM, MACRO-EVOLUTION, ETCETERA ARE SETTLED SCIENCE, AN IMPREGNABLE, UNASSAILABLE FORTRESS.

WHAT THEN IS THE DANGER OF CONSIDERING CREATIONISM IF THE FORTRESS BE SO UNASSAILABLE? AS IF THIS FORTRESS IS BUILT OF STEEL-REINFORCED CONCRETE WALLS SEVERAL FEET THICK, VENEERED IN SOLID GRANITE AND THE PROJECTILES OF CREATIONISM VOLLEYED AGAINST IT BE LIKE MARSHMALLOWS? WHY WOULD WE NOT EMBRACE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IT CLOSE, TO EXPOSE THE FOLLY AND ADMINISTER THE FINAL DEATH BLOW?

RATHER WE HEARD WITNESS AFTER WITNESS WITH INITIALS AFTER THEIR NAMES VOCIFEROUSLY PROTESTING: NO! NO! MAY IT NEVER BE SO.

THE LADY DOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH, METHINKS.

AND WHY THIS MUCH PROTESTATION? DOTH THE PROTESTATION BETRAY FEAR? AND IF SO, WHAT BE THE NATURE OF THAT FEAR?

THIS COMMITTEE HEARD ARGUMENTUM AD HOMINEM. ANYTHING CONNECTED WITH LOUISIANA, WE WERE TOLD, SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE REJECTED, SIMPLY BECAUSE IT WAS CONNECTED TO LOUISIANA. LET US REMEMBER THAT ARGUMENTUM AD HOMINEM IS OFTEN THE REFUGE OF THOSE DEBATING FROM A SELF-PERCEIVED POSITION OF WEAKNESS.

THE OPPONENTS OF THIS BILL WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE NO SCIENTISTS AMONG THE CAMP OF THE CREATIONISTS, THAT ALL TRUE SCIENTISTS ARE EVOLUTIONIST. AND YET, HERE IS A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WITH D-R-PERIOD BEFORE THEIR NAMES AND INITIALS AFTER THEIR NAMES WHO ARE CREATIONISTS BY THEIR OWN ADMISSION.

COULD IT BE THAT BEN STEIN IS RIGHT? THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXPELLED?

LEE STROEBEL, IN HIS D-V-D, THE CASE FOR CREATION INTERVIEWS DOCTOR MICHAEL BEHE, WHOSE EARNED P-H-D IS IN MICROBIOLOGY. BEHE DISCUSSES MECHANISMS IN LIVING CELLS CHARACTERIZED BY "IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY." STROBEL'S D-V-D SUGGESTS THAT IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR DARWINIAN EVOLUTION. THE D-V-D ILLUSTRATES THE CONCEPT OF IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY WITH THE VICTOR MOUSE TRAP, AN EXAMPLE OF WHICH YOU SEE, WHICH WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY FOR THE RECORD.

WE HAVE NOT EXPLORED THE PROBLEMS FOR THE TIME-LINE NECESSARY FOR THE EVOLUTIONARY MODEL, PROBLEMS POSED BY PHENOMENA OBSERVED IN SPIRIT LAKE, WASHINGTON AND ABANDONED MINES, PROBLEMS POSED BY THE ROCHE LIMIT AND THE PRESENCE OF THE MOON IN ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH AND THE PRESENCE OF RADIO HALOS IN ROCKS CAUSED BY THE DECAY OF RADIOACTIVE POLONIUM. WE HAVE NOT DEALT WITH THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF THE LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS. THE CONSTRAINTS OF TIME REQUIRE THAT WE PRESS ON.

THE OPPONENTS OF THIS BILL GREET CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE WITH INSULT WHEN THEY SAY THE TEACHING OF SUPERSTITIONS AND FAIRY TALES SHOULD BE LEFT TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, AS IF TO SAY, IT SHOULD STAY HOME.

THE TROUBLE IS EVOLUTION REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO THE SAME DEMAND.

LET ME ILLUSTRATE; IN THE O-J SIMPSON MURDER TRIAL, ONE OF THE DEFENDANT'S CHIEF ACCUSERS WAS MARK FURMAN. THE DREAM TEAM OF DEFENSE LAWYERS ACCUSED FURMAN OF BEING A RACIST. THEY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT A WORD THAT HE MIGHT HAVE USED AND FOUND THAT HE HAD LIED. THE WITNESS, FURMAN, HAD BEEN IMPEACHED AND IN A CLASSIC COURTROOM MANEUVER ALL OF HIS TESTIMONY AGAINST O-J AND HIS MOTIVES WERE NOW IN DOUBT.

AND SO IT IS WITH CREATION. IF THE HISTORY RECORDED IN GENESIS IS FALSE, THE REST OF THE BOOK IS SUSPECT AND IRRELEVANT.

WHY SHOULD THIS COMMITTEE AND THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE CARE? FIRST OF ALL, BECAUSE HAS JUST BEEN RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED, CREATIONISM IS A

REASONABLE EXPLANATION OF ORIGINS. AND SECONDLY, THE HOLY WRIT IS FOUNDATIONAL TO THE AMERICAN POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEM.

BARON CHARLES LOUIS JOSEPH de SECONDAT MONTESQUIEU WAS AN AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH PROFESSOR, AUTHOR AND PHILOSOPHER, WHO, IN 1748, WROTE THE HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL BOOK, THE SPIRT OF THE LAWS. THIS BOOK GREATLY IMPACTED THE FORMATION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. IN REVIEWING NEARLY 15,000 ITEMS WRITTEN BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS, BARON CHARLES MONTESQUIEU WAS THE MOST FREQUENTLY QUOTED SOURCE, EXCEPT FOR THE BIBLE. MONTESQUIEU'S PHILOSOPHY PROMULGATED THE IDEA THAT POWERS OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SEPARATED TO ALLOW POWER TO CHECK POWER. HIS CONCEPT OF THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT, JUDICIAL, LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE WAS BASED ON ISAIAH 33:22.

FOR THE LORD IS OUR JUDGE, THE LORD IS OUR LAWGIVER, THE LORD IS OUR KING.

TO THE PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY FROM CARROLL COLLEGE AND TO THE E-L-C-A PASTOR FROM MISSOULA WHO SENT ME AN E-MAIL: IF THERE IS NOT IN HISTORY ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SUDDENLY AND UNIQUELY HUMAN, COMPLETELY AND INSTANTLY SEPARATE FROM OTHER LIVING THINGS, THEN A FOUNDATIONAL PREMISE OF YOUR EFFORTS FAILS UTTERLY. THAT'S BECAUSE GENESIS THREE AND THE RECORD OF THE FALL FAILS. WHERE IS THE POINT IN TIME WHERE THE FALL OCCURRED? THE PROTO EVANGELIUM OF GENESIS THREE-FIFTEEN IS MEANING LESS. AT THE VERY LEAST, CHRIST WASTED HIS TIME BY BECOMING INCARNATE. WITH OUT THE FALL AND IT'S ATTENDANT ORIGINAL SIN AND THE SUBSEQUENT ACTUAL

SIN, THERE CAN BE NO VICARIOUS ATONEMENT ON GOLGOTHA. THE E-L-C-A PASTOR HAS STRAYED FROM HIS REFORMATION PRINCIPLE OF *SOLA SCRIPTURA*. IT APPEARS TO THIS OBSERVER WITH PALEO-LUTHERAN TENDENCIES THAT THE MISSOULA PASTOR HAS FORGOTTEN THE LUTHERAN VIEW THAT THE WORD IS DIVIDED INTO LAW AND GOSPEL AND THAT THERE ARE THREE USES OF THE LAW, ONE OF THEM BEING A CURB UPON BEHAVIOR IN CIVIL SOCIETY.

BUT CHRIST DID LEAVE ETERNAL GLORY TO TAKE ON HUMAN FORM AND WALK AMONG US. HE DID GO TO GOLGOTHA FOR MY SINS AND THE SINS OF THE WORLD. WHAT DOES HE THINK OF GENESIS?

WHEN ASKED ABOUT PAYING TAXES, A POPULAR TOPIC FOR LEGISLATORS, CHRIST RESPONDED BY ASKING: WHOSE IMAGE IS ON THE COIN? "CAESAR'S," IS THE REPLY. THEN RENDER UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S. HERE IS A CLEAR REFERENCE TO GENESIS AND THE HISTORY OF CREATION. THE COIN IS IMPRINTED WITH CAESAR'S IMAGE. IN CREATION, HUMANKIND WAS IMPRINTED WITH THE IMAGE OF GOD AND AS SUCH WE HAVE THE DUTY TO RENDER UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE HIS. ON THIS AND OTHER OCCASIONS, CHRIST CONFIRMS AND ENDORSES GENESIS.

EVOLUTIONISTS DEMAND THAT CREATIONISM STAY AT HOME. BUT EVOLUTION DOES NOT SUBMIT TO THAT SAME PROSCRIPTION, NOR CAN IT.

I HAVE DEMONSTRATED HOW EVOLUTION ATTACKS NOT ONLY JUDEO-CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ETHICS BUT ALSO ATTACKS THE VERY FOUNDATION OF OUR AMERICAN POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEM. IT ATTACKS THE CONCEPT OF NATURAL LAW UPON WHICH THE AMERICAN SYSTEM WAS BUILT BY THE FOUNDERS AND SETS US ADRIFT, RUDDERLESS IN THE STORMS AND GALES OF POSITIVISM.

GIVEN THESE FACTS, TO DEMAND THAT EVOLUTION BE THE EXCLUSIVE DOGMA, THE APPROVED AND SANCTIONED ORTHODOXY IN THE 21ST CENTURY IS EQUIVALENT OF SOMETHING FROM AN UNFORTUNATE AND REGRETTABLE EPISODE OF AMERICAN HISTORY, THE ATTEMPT TO DESTROY CULTURE AND CONCEPT OF CREATOR AMONG THE FIRST PEOPLES OF THIS CONTINENT BY MEANS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING FOR NATIVE CHILDREN. NOW WE ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT AGAIN TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THOSE HISTORICAL CULTURES, BUT INDEED ALSO THE CULTURE, RELIGION, GOVERNMENT AND STABLE SYSTEM OF LAWS HANDED TO ALL PEOPLE OF OUR NATION BY THE FOUNDERS. THE DEMAND THAT ONLY EVOLUTION BE TAUGHT IS THE 21ST CENTURY INCARNATION OF THE INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL.

http://creation.com/creation-scientists

Scientists alive today* who accept the biblical account of creation

Note: Individuals on this list must possess a doctorate in a science-related field.

- Dr Paul Ackerman, Psychologist
- Dr E. Theo Agard, Medical Physics
- <u>Dr James Allan</u>, Geneticist
- Dr Steve Austin, Geologist
- Dr S.E. Aw, Biochemist
- Dr Thomas Barnes, Physicist
- <u>Dr Geoff Barnard</u>, Immunologist
- <u>Dr Don Batten</u>, Plant physiologist, tropical fruit expert
- <u>Dr John Baumgardner</u>, Electrical Engineering, Space Physicist, Geophysicist, expert in supercomputer modeling of plate tectonics
- <u>Dr Jerry Bergman</u>, Psychologist
- Dr Kimberly Berrine, Microbiology & Immunology
- Prof. Vladimir Betina, Microbiology, Biochemistry & Biology
- Dr Raymond G. Bohlin, Biologist
- Dr Andrew Bosanquet, Biology, Microbiology
- Edward A. Boudreaux, Theoretical Chemistry
- Dr David R. Boylan, Chemical Engineer
- Prof. Linn E. Carothers, Associate Professor of Statistics
- <u>Dr Robert W. Carter</u>, Zoology (Marine Biology and Genetics)
- <u>Dr David Catchpoole</u>, Plant Physiologist (read his <u>testimony</u>)
- Prof. Sung-Do Cha, Physics
- Dr Eugene F. Chaffin, Professor of Physics
- Dr Choong-Kuk Chang, Genetic Engineering
- Prof. Jeun-Sik Chang, Aeronautical Engineering
- <u>Dr Donald Chittick</u>, Physical Chemist
- Prof. Chung-Il Cho, Biology Education
- <u>Dr John M. Cimbala</u>, Mechanical Engineering
- Dr Harold Coffin, Palaeontologist
- <u>Dr Bob Compton</u>, DVM
- Dr Ken Cumming, Biologist
- <u>Dr Jack W. Cuozzo</u>, Dentist
- Dr William M. Curtis III, Th.D., Th.M., M.S., Aeronautics & Nuclear Physics
- Dr Malcolm Cutchins, Aerospace Engineering
- Dr Lionel Dahmer, Analytical Chemist

- Dr Raymond V. Damadian, M.D., Pioneer of magnetic resonance imaging
- Dr Chris Darnbrough, Biochemist
- Dr Nancy M. Darrall, Botany
- <u>Dr Bryan Dawson</u>, Mathematics
- Dr Douglas Dean, Biological Chemistry
- Prof. Stephen W. Deckard, Assistant Professor of Education
- <u>Dr David A. DeWitt</u>, Biology, Biochemistry, Neuroscience
- <u>Dr Don DeYoung</u>, Astronomy, atmospheric physics, M.Div
- <u>Dr Geoff Downes</u>, Creationist Plant Physiologist
- Dr Ted Driggers, Operations research
- Robert H. Eckel, Medical Research
- Dr André Eggen, Geneticist
- Prof. Dennis L. Englin, Professor of Geophysics
- Prof. Danny Faulkner, Astronomy
- Prof. Carl B. Fliermans, Professor of Biology
- Prof. Dwain L. Ford, Organic Chemistry
- Prof. Robert H. Franks, Associate Professor of Biology
- <u>Dr Alan Galbraith</u>, Watershed Science
- Dr Paul Giem, Medical Research
- Dr Maciej Giertych, Geneticist
- Dr Duane Gish, Biochemist
- Dr Werner Gitt, Information Scientist
- <u>Dr D.B. Gower</u>, Biochemistry
- <u>Dr Dianne Grocott</u>, Psychiatrist
- Dr Stephen Grocott, Industrial Chemist
- Dr Donald Hamann, Food Scientist
- Dr Barry Harker, Philosopher
- Dr Charles W. Harrison, Applied Physicist, Electromagnetics
- <u>Dr John Hartnett</u>, Physicist and Cosmologist
- <u>Dr Mark Harwood</u>, Satellite Communications
- Dr Joe Havel, Botanist, Silviculturist, Ecophysiologist
- <u>Dr George Hawke</u>, Environmental Scientist
- <u>Dr Margaret Helder</u>, Science Editor, Botanist
- Dr Harold R. Henry, Engineer
- <u>Dr Jonathan Henry</u>, Astronomy
- Dr Joseph Henson, Entomologist
- Dr Robert A. Herrmann, Professor of Mathematics, US Naval Academy
- <u>Dr Andrew Hodge</u>, Head of the Cardiothoracic Surgical Service
- <u>Dr Kelly Hollowell</u>, Molecular and Cellular Pharmacologist
- Dr Ed Holroyd, III, Atmospheric Science
- <u>Dr Bob Hosken</u>, Biochemistry
- Dr George F. Howe, Botany
- <u>Dr Neil Huber</u>, Physical Anthropologist
- <u>Dr Russell Humphreys</u>, Physicist
- <u>Dr James A. Huggins</u>, Professor and Chair, Department of Biology
- Evan Jamieson, Hydrometallurgy

- George T. Javor, Biochemistry
- Dr Pierre Jerlström, Creationist Molecular Biologist
- <u>Dr Arthur Jones</u>, Biology
- Dr Jonathan W. Jones, Plastic Surgeon
- Dr Raymond Jones, Agricultural Scientist
- Dr Felix Konotey-Ahulu, Physician, leading expert on sickle-cell anemia
- Prof. Leonid Korochkin, Molecular Biology
- Dr Valery Karpounin, Mathematical Sciences, Logics, Formal Logics
- Dr Dean Kenyon, Biologist
- Prof. Gi-Tai Kim, Biology
- Prof. Harriet Kim, Biochemistry
- Prof. Jong-Bai Kim, Biochemistry
- Prof. Jung-Han Kim, Biochemistry
- Prof. Jung-Wook Kim, Environmental Science
- Prof. Kyoung-Rai Kim, Analytical Chemistry
- Prof. Kyoung-Tai Kim, Genetic Engineering
- Prof. Young-Gil Kim, Materials Science
- Prof. Young In Kim, Engineering
- Dr John W. Klotz, Biologist
- Dr Vladimir F. Kondalenko, Cytology/Cell Pathology
- Dr Leonid Korochkin, M.D., Genetics, Molecular Biology, Neurobiology
- <u>Dr John K.G. Kramer</u>, Biochemistry
- Prof. Jin-Hyouk Kwon, Physics
- Prof. Myung-Sang Kwon, Immunology
- <u>Dr John G. Leslie</u>, biochemistry, molecular biology, medicine, biblical archaeology
- Prof. Lane P. Lester, Biologist, Genetics
- <u>Dr Jason Lisle</u>, Astrophysicist
- Dr Alan Love, Chemist
- <u>Dr Ian Macreadie</u>, molecular biologist and microbiologist:
- Dr John Marcus, Molecular Biologist
- <u>Dr George Marshall</u>, Eye Disease Researcher
- Dr Ralph Matthews, Radiation Chemist
- Dr John McEwan, Chemist
- Prof. Andy McIntosh, Combustion theory, aerodynamics
- <u>Dr David Menton</u>, Anatomist
- <u>Dr Angela Meyer</u>, Creationist Plant Physiologist
- Dr John Meyer, Physiologist
- <u>Dr Albert Mills</u>, Reproductive Physiologist, Embryologist
- Colin W. Mitchell, Geography
- Dr John N. Moore, Science Educator
- Dr John W. Moreland, Mechanical engineer and Dentist
- <u>Dr Henry M. Morris</u>, Hydrologist
- Dr John D. Morris, Geologist
- Dr Len Morris, Physiologist
- Dr Graeme Mortimer, Geologist

- Stanley A. Mumma, Architectural Engineering
- Prof. Hee-Choon No, Nuclear Engineering
- <u>Dr Eric Norman</u>, Biomedical researcher
- Dr David Oderberg, Philosopher
- Prof. John Oller, Linguistics
- Prof. Chris D. Osborne, Assistant Professor of Biology
- Dr John Osgood, Medical Practitioner
- Dr Charles Pallaghy, Botanist
- <u>Dr Gary E. Parker</u>, Biologist, Cognate in Geology (Paleontology)
- <u>Dr David Pennington</u>, Plastic Surgeon
- Prof. Richard Porter
- Dr Georgia Purdom, Molecular Genetics
- Dr Albert E. Pye, invertebrate zoology, biotechnology, biological control (1945–2012)
- <u>Dr John Rankin</u>, Cosmologist
- Dr A.S. Reece, M.D.
- Prof. J. Rendle-Short, Pediatrics
- Dr Jung-Goo Roe, Biology
- Dr David Rosevear, Chemist
- Dr Ariel A. Roth, Biology
- Dr John Sanford, Geneticist
- <u>Dr Jonathan D. Sarfati</u>, Physical chemist / spectroscopist
- <u>Dr Joachim Scheven</u> Palaeontologist:
- Dr Ian Scott, Educator
- Dr Saami Shaibani, Forensic physicist
- Dr Young-Gi Shim, Chemistry
- Prof. Hyun-Kil Shin, Food Science
- Dr Mikhail Shulgin, Physics
- <u>Dr Emil Silvestru</u>, Geologist/karstologist
- Dr Roger Simpson, Engineer
- Dr Harold Slusher, Geophysicist
- Dr E. Norbert Smith, Zoologist
- Dr Andrew Snelling, Geologist
- Prof. Man-Suk Song, Computer Science
- <u>Dr Timothy G. Standish</u>, Biology
- Prof. James Stark, Assistant Professor of Science Education
- <u>Prof. Brian Stone</u>, Engineer
- Dr Esther Su, Biochemistry
- Dr Charles Taylor, Linguistics
- <u>Dr Stephen Taylor</u>, Electrical Engineering
- <u>Dr Ker C. Thomson</u>, Geophysics
- <u>Dr Michael Todhunter</u>, Forest Genetics
- Dr Lyudmila Tonkonog, Chemistry/Biochemistry
- <u>Dr Royal Truman</u>, Organic Chemist:
- <u>Dr Larry Vardiman</u>, Atmospheric Science
- <u>Prof. Walter Veith</u>, Zoologist

- Dr Joachim Vetter, Biologist
- <u>Dr Tas Walker</u>, Mechanical Engineer and Geologist
- Dr Jeremy Walter, Mechanical Engineer
- Dr Keith Wanser, Physicist
- Dr Noel Weeks, Ancient Historian (also has B.Sc. in Zoology)
- <u>Dr A.J. Monty White</u>, Chemistry/Gas Kinetics
- Dr John Whitmore, Geologist/Paleontologist
- Dr Carl Wieland, Medical doctor
- Dr Lara Wieland, Medical doctor
- Dr Clifford Wilson, Psycholinguist and archaeologist (1923–2012)
- Dr Kurt Wise, Palaeontologist
- <u>Dr Bryant Wood</u>, Creationist Archaeologist
- Prof. Seoung-Hoon Yang, Physics
- <u>Dr Thomas (Tong Y.) Yi, Ph.D., Creationist Aerospace & Mechanical Engineer</u>
- Dr Ick-Dong Yoo, Genetics
- Dr Sung-Hee Yoon, Biology
- Dr Patrick Young, Chemist and Materials Scientist
- Prof. Keun Bae Yu, Geography
- <u>Dr Henry Zuill</u>, Biology

Scientists Expelled; Ben Stein.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5EPymcWp-g